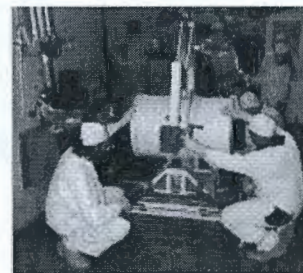


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## Proposed Changes to the M-89-00 Tri-Party Agreement Milestone and Amended 324 Building Closure Plan



The Tri-Party Agreement (TPA) agencies – U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology – want your feedback on the proposed changes to the TPA M-89-00 milestone.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) welcomes comments on the Amended 324 Building Closure Plan for the Radiochemical Engineering Cells, High-Level Vault, Low-Level Vault and other areas of the facility.

A 45-day comment period on the 324 Closure Plan and the associated changes to the M-89-00 milestone will run concurrently from January 17 to March 6, 2006.

### Your Input Requested January 17 to March 6, 2006

### Background and Proposed Changes

#### Amended 324

#### 1. Building Closure Plan

The Hanford Site, located near Richland, Washington, is operated by the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office. The 324 Building is located in the 300 Area of the Hanford Site. The 324 Building was constructed in the 1960s to support materials and chemical process research and development activities ranging from laboratory/bench-scale studies to full engineering-scale pilot plant demonstrations.

In the mid-1990s, it was determined that dangerous waste and waste residues were being stored for more than 90 days in the 324 Building Radiochemical Engineering Cells (REC) and the High-Level Vault/Low-Level Vault (HLV/LLV) tanks without a permit as required by the *Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations (WAC 173-303)*. In response USDOE and Ecology agreed that regulated closure of the unit was the most appropriate response.

Clean closure will be achieved by removing the mixed waste units during facility decommissioning and demolition activities. However, if clean closure is not possible, post closure care will be implemented.

#### Changes to the 2. M-89-00 TPA Milestone

The current TPA milestone M-89-00 requires that the non-permitted mixed waste units in the 324 building be closed by October 31, 2005. This summer the TPA agencies participated in a series of discussions to determine how to best sequence the facility clean closure activities with facility demolition activities. The proposed change to the milestone would extend the closure schedule to align with the facility demolition schedule.

In October 2001, the Parties signed a change request that required the demolition of the 324 building by September 30, 2010. The Parties subsequently agreed that it made more sense to achieve clean closure in 2010 when the building is demolished.

Tri-Party Agreement Milestone M-094-03 was established in April 2002 and requires complete disposition of the 324 Building by September 30, 2010. The Tri-Party Agreement Major Milestone M-89-00 workscope is a parallel activity with Interim Tri-Party Agreement M-094-03 workscope. Therefore the due date for M-89-00 is being changed from October 31, 2005 to September 30, 2010 to align with the M-094-03 due date.

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### How can I become involved?

A 45-day public comment period on the Closure Plan and Proposed TPA Milestone changes will be held from January 17 through March 6, 2006. Ecology will collect comments on the 324 Closure Plan documents, and USDOE will collect comments on the Change Package. We will consider all comments before the documents are finalized. No public meeting for either decision is scheduled at this time. To schedule a public meeting contact the appropriate agency (on reverse). For more information contact us through the Hanford Cleanup Line at 800.321.2008.

During the comment period, the draft closure plan and associated documents are available for public review Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program Library, located at 3100 Port of Benton Blvd, Richland, Washington. To make an appointment to review the documents call 509.372.7920. They may also be viewed at one of the public information repositories listed on the reverse side, or online at [www.hanford.gov/public/calendar](http://www.hanford.gov/public/calendar) under the Public Comments section.

To request a hard copy or CD of the Closure Plan and/or proposed TPA Milestone changes call the Hanford Cleanup Line 800.321.2008.





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### **Where do I send my comments?**

#### **AMENDED 324 BUILDING CLOSURE**

Submit comments on the  
**324 Building Closure Plan**  
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or email:  
**jewa461@ecy.wa.gov**



#### **M-89-00 CHANGE PACKAGE**

Submit comments on the  
**M-89-00 TPA Milestone**  
to  
**Rudy Guercia, USDOE**  
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Richland, WA 99352  
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**Rudolph\_F\_Rudy\_Guercia@RL.gov**

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